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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 2, 31—36.

Part B for June 1925

– SUBJECT

Recognition of Sri Valukeswara Bharati Swamigalu as guru of the Pitha of the Kudli Srungeri Matt.

GON 1043-57 mur 240-23-36

& 22nd June 1925 Recognises the succession of Vid: Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri as the guru of the Sri Kudli Srungeri Matt & directs that all properties belonging to the Matt be handed over to the Swamigalu Sri Valukeswara Bharati Swamiji

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(May)

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FILE HEADING.

Arrears of the Kurdi Sanjeevi matt at Kurdi

From

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The properties of the Kurdi Sanjeevi matt in the State have been placed under attachment under the orders of the Dy Comr who the Asst Comr says in his letter of 983 of 18 March 1924 "has instructed the Circle Asst Comr in charge of the Shimoga Taluk "Daroga the Matha properties under "Sec 25 – cl 2 of the Mysore Religious"

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	It is nearly one year ago that the Mathra Properties have been "seized", and the files have been kept in the desk as to what arrangements have been made for theft watch & ward of the moveable & the Kuchi mall and for the Cultivation of the mal lands by the State and the crediting of the realisations to the funds of the institution. Draft letter to the Dy Com'r making enquiry in these matters as also in the matter of the succession to the Pilot is submitted for approval. Sd 6/3/25 Draft approved Sd 7.3.25
29/9.3	Ist member)
	Sd 9/3 Issued 9.3.25
31	To the Manager Umarkot No. 133-G.12.3.25. Invites reference to his letter of 18th March 1925 & requests him to report what action has

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Kurla Temple Matter

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	In the matter of the watches wards of the properties of the above deity, the proper certification of the Hindu lands in the State & here the decision of a successor to the pontificate
32	From the Mag Cuddapah No. C-983 of 23-24 & 14-3-25 states that the Sarvadhikari of the Kurla Temple waits with terms & produces certificates evidencing recognition of Vedamani Dikshitulu Narasimha Sastry to the title by the Electors of Nellore & Rajahmundry Dts & that the trial report will be submitted after 20th inst. This has been perused by the members. (Vide the original). RG 26-3-25
33	From Dattopanthi Joshi - Rep. of 19-8-25 submits a copy of his representation & Dist. for enq.
34	To the Mag Cuddapah Rc. 1414 of 28-3-25 forwards the above.
35	From the Mag Cuddapah No. C-983 of 29-4-25 gives a brief history of the case and recommends that the Sarvadhikari Ved Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri for the title may be recognised with the hereditary name of Sri Venkatesha Rao

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The Mag Cnr. in his letter
of 29.4.25 gives a brief but clear
history of the succession to the
Pitha of the Sri Kudli Mutt in
the British Indian Authorities have
recognised the succession of
Sri Sankara Bharati (who recently
passed away) Sri Vaikuntha
Bharati, to the high Priestship of
the mutt and have handed over the
Inam lands of the mutt there
to the latter. The present Swamigalu
Sri Vaikuntha Bharati is anxious
to come to Head Quarters of the
mutt (Kudli) and attend to the
improvement of the mutt building
and mutt lands here which by the
the Mag Cnr. has left in a
deplorable condition, and the
Mag Cnr. recommends that the
Successor of the present Swamigalu who has been
admitted by general learned men
to be a man of vast learning
and high character and piety
be given an only remain for Govt. to
accord sanction to the recommn of the
Mag Cnr. Orders are solicited as
to whether this may be done.

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30/4/25 Hd Member

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The recommendation of the Trust cannot be accepted in connection with the above case. Such a document in the name of Sri Vaikkeswara Bharathi cannot be approved.

A final note will be put up as ordered if approved by the Dewan

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Dewan) Agree with the remarks of the Secretary. Such a document cannot be allowed to be executed by the Trustee in the name assumed by him.

2/5.N.-5.25.

D.F.N is submitted

5/5/25

Dewan agrees with the D.F.N proposed

6/5/25

Agree

6.5.25

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Final note as per order

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Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject:—

Succession to the Pita of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt.

In continuation of my Final Note dated 30th December 1924 regarding the succession to the Pita of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt I beg to submit for His Highness' gracious perusal the final report on the subject received from the Inzrai Commissioner which explains in detail the history of the case. Sri Sankarabharathi, the Guru of the Mutt passed away at Udagatti in the Ranibennur Taluk on 15th March 1924 and was succeeded by Ved. Sivaganga Narasimha Sastr under the titular name of Sri Vidya Sankarabharathi. As explained in my last Final Note on the subject above referred to, previous approval of His Highness was not obtained for this succession as the last Swamigalu is said to have taken ill suddenly and to have been obliged to give the Asrama to his successor in his last moment to avoid a break in the Guru-Parampara. This seems to have given an opportunity to one Narasimhabharati (alias Ved. Sivabhatta, a pensioner of the Survey Department), whose claim now and that of his predecessors before to be recognised as Guru of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt had been repeatedly declined by Government, to engineer an agitation from certain disciples of the Mutt, chiefly officials of the Survey Office at Bangalore, that Ved. Narasimha Sastry was not fitted to occupy the Pita and that all the rituals prescribed were not gone through in respect of his ordination. Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati (Ved. Narasimha Sastry) also passed away on 15th December 1924 after giving Asrama to one Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri ~~under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi~~ a young man of 32 years who is reported to be qualified and well fitted by learning, high character and piety to occupy the Pita

2. The Muzrai Commissioner who, for reasons given in my last Final Note, has been asked to hold a personal enquiry regarding the succession to the Mutt has, after conducting such enquiry, reported that the persons who first objected to the ordination of Ved. Narasimha Sastry and now object again to the ordination of Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry rely upon hearsay statements and the testimony of interested persons, and that, in the face of the letter of the Collector of Dharwar dated 30th May 1924 to the Muzrai Commissioner, there could be no doubt about the validity of succession of the late Ved. Narasimha Sastry. As regards Ved. Subrahmanya Sastri (the present nominee) several petitions have been received from the Mutt disciples in Davangere and some places in the Ranibennur Taluk referring to his qualifications and praying for the recognition of his succession to the Pita. His learning and his eligibility for the exalted place have been testified to by Vidyanidhi Mahamahopadyaya Virupaksha Sastry of the Sankara Mutt at Bangalore, and the Collector of Dharwar has also recently ordered that the Patta of the Inam villages, lands &c. belonging to the Mutt in that District should be made out in his name. ~~of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi~~ In these circumstances, the Muzrai Commissioner recommends that the succession of Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry to the Pita of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu may be recognised. I agree with him. The Dewan also is of the same opinion. The recommendation of the Muzrai Commissioner may be graciously approved.

3. The Muzrai Commissioner brings to notice that the Deputy Commissioner's report about the action taken in respect of watch and ward of Mutt properties in the State is meagre and unsatisfactory and that necessary steps will be taken to set matters right in due course. His further report in this respect will be obtained and suitably dealt with.

OFFG. FIRST LEVER OF COUNCIL.

11-5-25.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I beg to submit herewith for His Highness' gracious a/Hrnl
~~perusal~~, *the Final Note by the First Member of Council on the subject of the succession to the Pita of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt.*

Fern Hill,
14th May 1925.

CSR.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

H.H. No. 615
15th May 1925

Subject.

Succession to the Pita of Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt.

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Order.

~~KRW~~

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Order Revised

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	a draft as revised may be put up & submitted for my approval & sig
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36	G.O.N° Recognises the succession of Ved: Subrahmanya Sastrig of Udayagiri to the Pitha of the Sri Vaishnava community under the hereditary name of

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Sri Venkeswara Bhimaji-Sarangale
Admits that all properties of the
Mall in the State be handed over
to this Office for Venkeswara
Bhimaji.

Files subd. for reply in this Corr.

Mur 182 - 07. Town of Kudli Sangeri
Swamijala.
" 768 - 08 Reference to the
Sirangale
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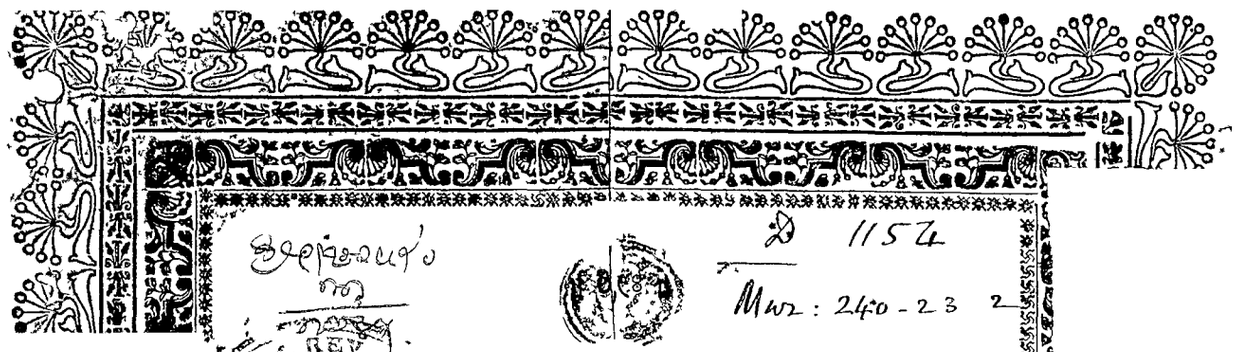

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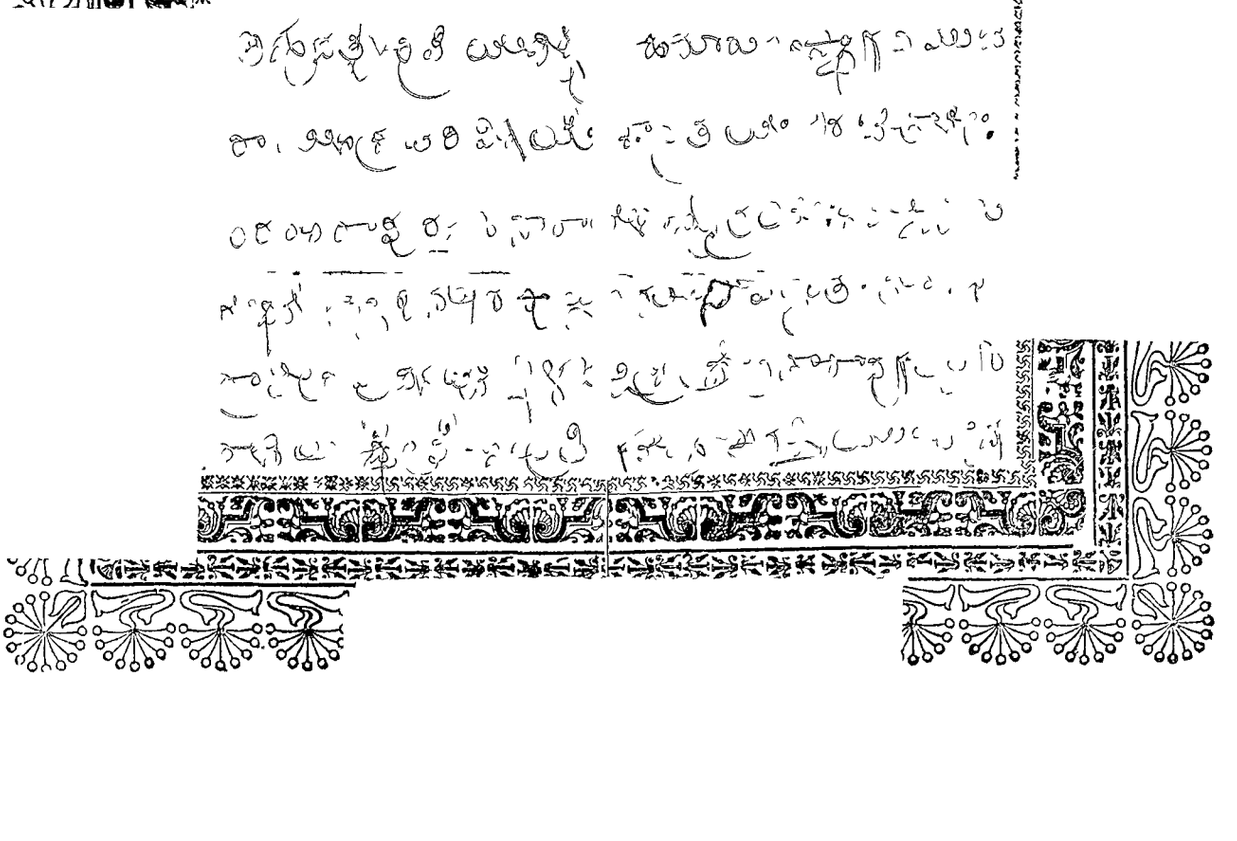

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No. 1323

Date of issue 12.3.25

Signed by M. T. R.

To The Muzrai Comr

Sir,

I am directed ~~to~~ to write reference to his letter no. C983 of 23 - dt 18th inst. and state that the Dy Comr has instructed the Treasury Asst Comr in charge of Shimoga Taluk to credit the Inam P&D

~~Please~~ instructing the demand of the Shimoga [illegible]

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has been taken in the
matter of the water supply
of the [illegible] Public Health
and in arranging for
the proper cultivation of the
Peat lands in the State
& crediting the reductions thereby
to the credit of the Peat.
If no action has been taken in the
matter yet, I am desired
by the Minister to ask you
to take me to early date
and Report submit a report
on the matter for the consideration
of Govt.

2) I am also desired
to be informed by the Engr
to the Elections of assessors
to the Dáil stands & when the Govt
final report on the subject
may be expected. The matter
has been pending long.

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Thank you

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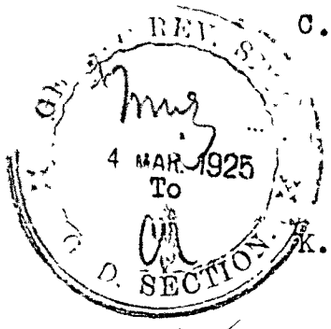
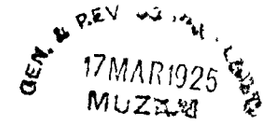
3 3-24 Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 13th March 1925.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.





K. V. Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Mug 210-23-32

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter C.No.983/23-24 dated 7th January 1925 regarding the succession of Brah:Ved: Udayagiri Subrahmanya Sastry to the Sri Kudli Sringeri Peeta, I have the honor to state that the Sarvadhikari of the matha took time to produce certain references evidencing the recognition accorded by the Collectors of Dharwar and Bijapur Districts, and that a final report in the matter will be submitted after the 20th instant, within which date, the agent has been asked by registered letter to-day to produce the said references.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Muzrai Commissioner.
(Absent from Head Quarters.)

KSR.

The final report promised will be awaited.

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K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esqr., M.A.,
First Member of the Council,
Government of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Respected Sir,

I beg to enclose herein a copy of the report that the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore and Personal Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, has submitted regarding his recent visit to Bangalore.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D'Allopant Jnr.

19th March 1925.

The Comptr
with the usual
in connection
in his
Bangalore
Yes

The Comptr has been requested to send a member in connection with the Annual report of the Mysore Govt. Dept. forwarding this memorandum addressed by the Member in charge of Agriculture

Sd
23/3/25

23.3.25

34. To the Mysore Government No. 1911 dated 28.3.25 from the above in connection with this office letter of even No.

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Routine Notes.

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File No. 241 - 97

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No. 1411 Cert

To

The Deputy Commr

Sir,

With reference to the
Correspondence ending with
this office letter no 1823/Muz 240-33-3
of 12th March 1935
regarding succession to the
Hudikeri Mutt, I
am directed to forward
herewith Copy of a
Memorial (19 March 1935) presented to
His Highness over the matter

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Bangalore 23.3.1926

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GEN. & REV. DEPT. 24 MAR 1925 MUZRAI

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Petition, as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore, for disposal

By Order,

No 876 of 24.25

Private Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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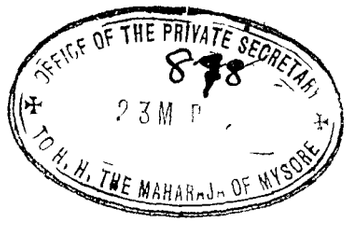

To

His Highness Col. Sir Sree Krishnarajendra Wadiyar
Bahadur, G.C.S.I., Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

May it please Your Highness,

We, the humble and loyal memorialists, are the immediate disciples of the Sri Sringeri Kudli Mutt in the Shimoga District, some of the recent happenings wherein have formed the subject of discussion both by Your Highness's benign Government and the concerned public

2. As is doubtless well-known to Your Highness when immediately after the demise of Sri Shankara Bharati swami alias Kanga Bhatta on the 15th March 1924, one Narasimha Bhatta, the Agent of the Matt announced himself as the ordained successor of the late Swami, the disciples of the Matt as well as Your Highness's Government were up against such an unauthorised move on the part of the Matt Officials.

The disciples protested against the validity of the alleged ordainment and asked for a thorough enquiry into the matter and the Government on their part refused to recognise Narasimha Bhat's succession to the 'gadi' and seized the property pending receipt of full information in the matter from the local officers. A copy of the Notification of Government issued in the Mysore Gazette in this behalf is respectfully submitted for Your Highness's gracious perusal.

Definite issues were even framed by Government themselves upon which the enquiry should proceed and referred to the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga. The issues are recorded hereinbelow for ready reference -

1. Whether the present incumbent has been duly

ordained successor to the 'Gadi'.

2. Whether he is competent both by learning and other qualifications for the pontifical seat.

A number of leading representative disciples from various parts both from Mysore and elsewhere appeared before the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga and adduced most conclusive evidence in negation of both the points i.e., (1) that the incumbent was not duly ordained and (2) that he was not competent and did not possess the requisite qualifications. While the case was still subjudice, the records appear to have been recalled, for reasons best known to himself, by the Huzrat Commissioner.

Your Highness will be graciously pleased to learn that the Huzrat Commissioner sought the advice of Brahmasri Manamakopadhyaya Virupaksha Sastrigalu of world-wide fame to help him in the solution of the knotty ~~Gordian~~ problem. The suggestions given by Mr. Sastrigalu to bring order out of chaos in the matt even ending the long-existing two branches were received kindly by the Commissioner and four Highness' memorialists were in eager expectation of orders being issued satisfactorily ~~by~~ to all disinterested disciples, whose main aim is the lifting of the institution from its present fallen position.

While at this stage the perversity of the matt authorities was further perpetuated by the sudden nomination of yet another person, Subramanya Sastri, in direct defiance of the Government orders and the opinion of the disciples and this fact was also promptly ~~reported~~ brought to the notice of the Huzrat Commissioner by Bramha Sri Virupaksha Sastrigalu and other disciples

The humble memorialists crave your Highness gracious indulgence to recapitulate the most important fact - the crucial point in the whole case, - that Subramanya Sastri was nominated by a Swami whose very ordainment was in question, and that it would be a ludicrous fallacy to admit the claim of Subramanya Sastri to the most sacred pontifical seat as a duly ordained guru deserving of universal regard and worship however much learned and otherwise qualified the person may be. Again Mr. Virupaksha Sastriar was further consulted and the venerable gentleman again suggested how best even this additional and grave disability could be got over and the fair name of the oriental seat of learning still saved. Thereupon the Huzrat Commissioner warned the agent of the Matt to take action as advised by Mr. Virupaksha Sastri to render the new Swami's position sound in form and in the eyes of the public.

While the State authorities have so far not moved an inch to carry out the instructions of the Huzrat Commissioner and have otherwise been ~~exxxxt~~ actively at work to get Government ratification to the illegal nomination a question was also raised as to why the present nominee may not stand if he was backed by a large body of public opinion and when the British Provinces had registered his name in their accounts. We need scarcely sub it for the gracious consideration of Your Highness whose eruditeness knows no bounds that this idea at once deserves to be dismissed from one' minds. For, we ask with all humility and humbleness, is it diffi-

ficult to get up largely signed petitions from various places favoring this party or that and can such documents ever be taken to represent the considered opinion of the really educated leaders of the institution and the decision of the Government based thereon. We are quite sanguine our august Sovereign dare not be approached with such apparently hallow propositions. The second factor is even more ridiculous to think of. There in British Provinces mutation of names in accounts is a mere routine of revenue procedure and the transfer is effected on application be it a mathadhipathi or a ryot rural/just in the same way as the mutation of names are recorded in the revenue accounts here with the same simple process of enquiry. There is not such a heavy machinery there as the Muzrai Department of Mysore with all its ramifications and ~~having~~ an effective hand in the affairs of the religious institutions. Not much importance can therefore be attached to this ground also.

In fine, we respectfully believe to lay before Your Gracious Highness that the affairs of this ancient sacred matt have for various reasons not at all been satisfactory for the past several years, and most of the valuable properties - moveable and immoveable - have already changed hands. The local administration is, as will be apparent from the drift of events, in quite unreliable hands, and we are not sure how far Mr. Virupaksha Sastriar's golden words will weigh under such conditions unless backed by a strong state mandate. We sincerely repose all our hopes in our Gracious Sovereign divine deep

into the whole question and protecting the purely religious aspect of the pontiffice first and then its mundane mould.

Watching as we have been the various stages through which the question has till now passed, it seems to us best, may it please Your Highness, that the entire subject was referred to a really representative and learned Committee of enquiry for thorough investigation and report, consisting of such leading luminaries as Brahmasri Virupaksha Sastri, who by the way is also the foremost disciple of the Matt, Uppin Bettageri Sastri, Principal of the Dharwar Sanscrit College, Nanjunda Sastri of

and a few disciples from Shimoga and Bangalore having intimate knowledge of the matt affairs. The question is important enough to merit the action suggested above and the cost involved may well be met from the revenues of the Matt. We earnestly beg that our prayer will meet with Your Highness' most favourable consideration, resulting in the resuscitation of one of our most respected religious institutions to its proper place in public estimation. It is needless to add that until such time as the case is satisfactorily settled the properties of the Matt should remain in the hands of the Government as now and every pressure brought to bear on the Matt authorities to submit to the superior orders of the Government and the wise advice of the disciples.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your Highness's most humble and loyal
Servants,

15th March 1915

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Marthanda Srikrishna

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Govinda Venkaji Inamdar

Ramachandra Gurav Kolwad

K Basavanta Rao

Shivashivaji Rao

Jnanaccyutarao.

Seshha Rao Lakshmanrao Patki.

Narayan Narasinga Rao Hongalkar

Vinayak Murty

To

K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
Senior Member of Council, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am commanded by His Holiness Sri Valukeswara Bharati Swamigalu of the Sri **Kudli-Sringeri** Matha to submit for your kind perusal the accompanying copy - of a petition presented to the Muzrai Commissioner - in Mysore and to solicit the favour of early orders - recognising the succession of the Swamigalu to the Petha.

I beg to remain,
Sir
Your most ob dient servant,

BANGALORE
23-3-1925.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

I beg to state that I am in receipt of the registered communication sent from your honor's office and in obedience to the instructions contained therein and the command of His Holiness - the Swamigalu I have come here to wait upon you and receive further orders.

2. I beg leave to state that there appears to be some misapprehension about the submissions made by me on the last date of hearing. I submitted that the Matha authorities had intimated to - all concerned the demise of His Holiness Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati Swamigalu and the succession of Brahma Sri Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharati, that it was not the practice in British Indian Provinces to accord formal recognition to the succession of Gurus to Mathas, that the transfer of the Khate of the inam villages &c., is alone made if an amount equal to the annual yield was paid to Government, that the question of such transfer in the present instance was pending disposal in the respective - Collectorates, and that copies of orders would be produced, if necessary, as soon as they were passed

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The delay in passing orders is due to the fact that the authorities are demanding payment of - "Nazarana" both on account of the demise of H.H. Sri Sankara Bharati and H.H. Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati separately but the Matha is contending that as both the Swamies had died in one and the same year at an interval of nine months, a single payment is sufficient to affect the necessary transfer. Since coming here intimation has been received by me that the Collector of Bijapur has ordered on 6-3-25 that necessary changes be made on payment of a single "Nazarana". An authenticated copy of this order will however be sent immediately on its receipt in the Matha.

3. The letter and its enclosure presented by me personally to the late Huzrai Commissioner at the conclusion of the hearing on the 25-1-1925 explains in sufficient detail the several matters that require immediate consideration and orders. From the numerous communications that have been received in your office you will be able to see - that the succession of Brahmasri Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry is admitted by the entire "Sishya Varga" except perhaps a few who have been putting forth - frivolous objections with interested and selfish - motives. Both by extensive learning, piety, unblemished Brahmacharya and ability to manage the vast concerns of the Matha, Brahmasri Vedamurti - Subrahmanya Sastry is eminently fitted to occupy the exalted position and it is open to Government to make such independent enquiries in disinterested

and

and unbiassed quarters as they deem fit or to depute one of their Officers to make the necessary investigation. Your honour could not but feel convinced that the few people in Bangalore who are proving as obstructionists are instigated by Brahma Sri Siva Bhatta otherwise known as Sri Narasimha Bharati Swami whose numerous attempts in the past have met with complete failure and who now wants to gain a footing in the Matha at this juncture. The highest tribunals in the country having declared in unequivocal terms that Sri Narasimha Bharati and his predecessors have no manner of connection with the Sri Kudli-Sringeri Matha, it looks really strange that the Matha authorities should be asked to compound with the objectors now. The Swamigalu is averse to negotiate with the few opponents in whatsoever manner but looks up to Government for an impartial consideration of the question and for early orders recognising his succession.

4. It is very long since that the penultimate Swamigalu left Kudli -Head Quarters of the Matha- and the present Swamigalu is very anxious to come back and offer His worship to Sri Sarada. The action taken by the Deputy Commissioner in seizing the Matha property without sufficient reason and without giving an opportunity to the Matha to explain its conduct has cast a deep shadow on its dignity and importance and the Swamigalu intensely feels that such an unhappy state of things should still continue. Besides, there is reason to believe that satisfactory arrangements have not been made for the conduct of daily and periodical worship in the temples attached to the Matha,

repairs of the Matha buildings and the lease of the Matha estates &c. The disciples on this side of Mysore have been making earnest entreaties to the Swamigalu to visit their places and His Holiness is unable to comply with their request as his succession has not been recognised and he cannot therefore travel in State. The falsity of the charge levelled against the late Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati Swamigalu to the effect that he was not initiated according to Asrama Dharma c., -which seems to be the chief contention of the objectors- will be apparent when it is said that his succession was admitted as valid by the Collectors of Dharwar, Bellary, Bijapur and the Ruling Rajas of Jamkhandi, Ramadurg and other Native States. The Dharwar Collector's reply received in your honor's office makes the matter clear and indisputable. Moreover, it is bad to revive old memories when things have a tendency to assume normal conditions.

From the facts enumerated above, it will be seen that the succession of Brahma Sri Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry took place according to strict injunctions of the Sastras, that he is eminently fitted to occupy the Exalted position and that the few objections raised are not only irrelevant but also untrustworthy. I beg therefore that formal orders of Government recognising the succession of Brahma Sri Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharati may kindly be passed early to enable the Swamigalu to visit the Head Quarters and to discharge the responsibilities of His

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position with more freedom and liberty of action.

I beg to remain,

Bangaloro
23-8-1925.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 29th April 1925.

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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To

B. Nagappa, Esq., Bar-at-Law.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department (Incharge)

May 24.0-23.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of your letter No.1323/M.F.240-23-31 dated 12th March 1925, enquiring as to how the election of successor to the Sri Kudli-Sringeri Peeta stands and when a final report on the subject may be expected, I have the honor to state that in response to a notice issued by me the Agent of the Matha appeared on the 21st --- instant and detailed tthe circumstances under which the succession of two gurus, viz., Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati and Sri Valukeswara Bharati took place and requested that orders recognising the succession of the latter may be passed early to enable the Swamigalu to return to Kudli, the head-quarters of the Matha.

2. Sri Sankara Bharati, the penultimate Swamigalu died at Udgatti in the Ranebennur Taluk on 15th March 1924 and he was succeeded by -- Ved.Sivaganga Narasimhasastry under the titular name of Sri Vidya -- Sankara Bharati. Previous approval of Government was not taken, as Sri Sankara Bharati grew suddenly bad in health and as a break in -- Guru parampara had to be avoided. Immediately after his accession an agitation was set up by a few disciples of the matha who were for the most part officials of the Revenue Survey office in Bangalore to the effect that both by education and training, Ved.Narasimha Sastry was not fitted to occupy the Peeta and that all the rituals prescribed by Sastras were not gone through before he was ordained as Swami. Elaborate enquiries were thereupon instituted by the Deputy Commissioner. But subsequently, it was directed in your letter of the 16th Novemb r

be taken into the hands of the Muzrai Commissioner enquiry conducted by him. Accordingly the case was with-dr file of the Deputy Commissioner and the neces ary enquiry held Muzrai Commissioner direct.

5. While the enquiry was thus proceeding, a Srikukha dated 28th November 1924 was received by me on the 4th December 1924 from Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati, intimating that on account of failing health and complete inability to attend to the daily round of duties and to avoid any possible break in the regular line of succession to the -- Peeta, he had arranged to give asrama to one Ved. Vijayagiri Subrahmanya Sastry on 1st December 1924. The agent who afterwards came to ---- Sringeri to be present at the enquiry on 6-12-24 reported that the succession took place as arranged and that Ved. Subranmanya Sastry was a Brahmachari of unblemished character, well educated and of good --- parentage. The agent further said that previous intimation of --- sufficient duration could not be given as the health of Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati was very bad and gave room to anxious consideration. Sri Vidya Sankara Bharati died on 15th December 1924.

6. The few persons that were opposed to the succession of Ved. Narasimha Sastry now seem to contend that when the succession of Ved. Narasimha Sastry himself was not valid and open to Sastric objection it follows that the ordination by him cannot be a legality -- constituted guru according to strict injunctions of the Sastras. It is significant that the persons who object to the ordination of Ved. Narasimha Sastry and Ved. Subranmanya Sastry do not seem to have been present at the Matha when the two persons named above were inducted into Sanyasrama but that they rely upon hearsay statements and the testimony of other interested persons.

As regards the validity of the succession of Ved. Narasimha Sastry, there is the testimony of the Collector of Dharwar in unmistakeable terms who, in a letter dated 30th May 1925 to the Muzrai Commissioner, says as follows.--

"My enquiry shows that Sri Sankara Bharati Swami died at Udgatti on 15th June 1924 and that he nominated his Sarvadhikari Sivaganga Narasimha Sastry as his successor a few hours before his death and actually made him an ascetic according to the sastras while he was still

alive and in his senses, in the presence of a large number of people --- and that it appears to me that the nomination was duly made by the late Swamigalu and there appears to be no objection to recognize the succession

As regards the doubt expressed in certain quarters about the --- real authorship of the Srimukha sent to Government by the late Sri -- Sankara Bharati (and forwarded to me with Government Order No.1359/ F.240-23-3 dated 2nd April 1934) and in reply to a further reference made, the Collector of Dharwar states that the word Vidya inserted in the body of the endorsement of the attesting Magistrate "must have -- been added by some one subsequently to the attestation by the Magistrate and that in two similar Srimukhas contained in a correspondence filed in the Ranebennur Manalatdar's office there is no interlineation to the effect Vidya. A copy of the Collector's letter is enclosed.

From the above narration of facts, it will be seen that the ---- succession of Ved.Narasimha Sastry took place according to the strict injunctions of the Sastras and that he had his Upadesha from his Guru Sri Sankara Bharati. It is now unnecessary to enquire into the depth of his learning and other particulars.

But going deeper into the causes of difference between the Matha disciples, I am led to believe that there is some underlying motive - behind all this agitation and that Narasimha Bharathi (alias Vedamurthi Siva Bhatta, a pensioner of the Survey Department in his Turyasrama) whose claim now, and those of his predecessors before, to be recognized as the Guru$ of Sri Kudli Sringeri Matha in regular line of succession has been repeatedly declined by Government, is sowing seeds of disunion and discontent among the Shishyas. So far there appears to be no protest from persons other than a few partizans of Sri Narasimha Bharathi to discredit the nomination made by Sri Sankara Bharathi and Sri -- Vidya Sankara Bharathi and Government need not atach any weight to the opposition of a few people. The question does not therefore merit any further consideration.

5. Now as regards succession of Vedamurthi Subramanya Sastry of -- Udayagiri ~~Vedamurthi Subramanya Sastry of Udayagiri~~, I beg to state that from the reports that have reached me, he is well fitted to occupy the Peeta both by extent of learning, high character and piety. He is only 32 years of age and is reported to be quite strong both in body

received from the*marginally noted places about the qualifications of

Davanagere, Karur in Ranebennur Taluk Ranebennur, Harpanahalli and Belur in the Renebennur Taluk.	Sri Subramanya Sastry and praying that his succession

Peeta may be recognized are submitted herewith in original. Mahamadyaya, Vidya Nidhi, Bramhasri Virupaksha Sastry who was interviewed by Mr. T. Sadasiva Rao, then my assistant, in this connection, is understood to have stated that Vedamurthi Subramanya Sastry was a learned gentleman deserving in every way to occupy the exalted position. The Collector of Dharwar has also since ordered that the ~~Kadik~~ Patta of inam villages, lands etc in that District should be made out in the name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi.

In these circumstances, I am of opinion that no useful purpose is likely to be served by prolonging the enquiry and keeping the question of succession in suspense indefinitely. The Swamigalu is anxious to come back to Kudli and attend to the Puja of Sri Saradamba and various concerns of the Matha which seem to require immediate over-hauling. I beg therefore to recommend that the succession of Ved.Bramhasri Subramanya Sastry of Udayagiri under the titular name of Sri valukeswara Bharathi Swamigal may be recognized and the attachment of the Matha properties made under Sec.25 (2) of the Muzrai Regulation released and made over to the Swamigalu.

6. As regards the action taken in the matter of the watch and ward of the properties at the Kudli Matha, and in arranging for the proper cultivation of thelands in the State etc., I have the honor to submit herewith copy of letter P.C.No.673/23-24 dated 17th April 1925 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, stating that beyond attaching the moveable properties, and placing the Matha building under lock duly sealed no further action was taken in the matter.

From the Deputy Commissioner's meagre report it is not understood what arrangements have been made for worship in the matha and for feeding occasional visitors resorting thereto and why the immoveable properties were not brought under attachment and who is managing them now. For an explanation on these points the detailed report promised by the Deputy

Commissioner

ssioner is awaited.

The entire file of correspondence is herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Balasundaramji
Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No. p.C. 673/Rev: 23-24 dated 17th April 1925 from the Deputy Commissioner Shimoga District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. C. 983/23-24 dated the 26th March 1925, and subsequent telegram thereon dated the 16th instant, regarding the properties of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Matha, I have the honor to ~~to~~ state that the detailed report called for from the Amildar, Shimoga Taluk has not yet been received. It would appear that , ~~as~~ beyond attaching the movable properties and placing the matt building under lock duly sealed, no further action has been taken in the matter pending the orders of Government on my letter No. P.C. 673/Rev:23-24 dated the 25th November 1924. The immovable properties belonging to the matt do not seem to have been attached by the Amildar. Nor does the monthly cash grant of Rs 73-11-8 been paid to anybody. Detailed instructions have again been given to the Amildar and on receipt of same, a further report will be made.

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By Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No.W.T.N.No.241 dated 28th November 1924, from the --- Collector of Dharwar, to the Deputy Commissioner and District ----- Magistrate, Shimoga District.

Levy of -- Consequent on succession of new Swami (Shri Shankar Bharati Swami).

With reference to your letter No.P.C.673/Rev.of 21st October 1924, I have the honor to state that the Shrimukh No.11/1845 herewith returned, was attested by Mr. Kotrabasappa Dodkotrappa, Banagar Hon:ll Class Magistrate, Ranebennur, Mr. Banagar, in his statement before the Mamlatdar of Ranebennur, states that the deceased Shri Shankar --- Bharati Swami and himself produced the Shrimukh before him when he was alive and signed it in his presence. The Magistrate further adds that he wrote the attestation himself that there was no interlineation then and that the word "vidya" is not in his hand-writing.

2. The Mamlatdar, Ranebennur, reports that there are two similar -- Shrimukhs in a correspondence filed in his office, one addressed to the Collector and the other to the Commissioner, S.D.and in either of them there is no interlineation to the effect "Vidya". From this it appears that the word Vidya must have been added by some one subsequently to the attestation by the Magistrate.

"C o p y"

for Mu.ral Commissioner.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read.-

Government Order No. 1359/Huz. 240-23-3 dated the 2nd April 1924 recording with regret the demise of His Holiness Sri Sankarabharati Swamigalu of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt, and calling for a further report about the succession to the Pitha.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 983 of 1923-24 dated the 29th April 1925 from the Huzur Commissioner in Mysore on the subject.

Order No. 1143 - Home - 40

Dated, Bangalore the June 1925.

His Holiness Sri Sankarabharati Swamiru, the Guru of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt passed away at Kudlettis in the Nanjangud Taluk on 15th March 1924 and was succeeded by Vedamurti Lakshmi Narasimha Shastry under the titular name of Sri Vidya Bharati Swamigalu. Previous approval of the Government was not obtained for this succession, the reason given for it being that the previous Swamigalu had been suddenly taken ill and that he was, therefore, obliged to give the Sannyasa to his successor in his last moments in order to avoid a break in the Guru Parampara. No proposal to obtain previous approval of Government to the succession was, however, taken advantage of by one Narasimha Shastry (alias Vedamurti Kiva Shastry) as also some other disciples of the Mutt to protest against the succession of Vedamurti Narasimha Shastry to the Mutt on the ground that he was not fitted to occupy the Pitha and that all the rituals prescribed had not been gone through in respect of his

his ordination. While the matter was under enquiry, Vedamurti Narasimha Sastry also passed away at Udagatti, on 15th December 1924 after giving Asrama to one Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri. This nomination also having been objected to by Narasimha Bharathi and other persons referred to above, the Muzrai commissioner was asked to enquire into the matter. He has accordingly submitted a report to the effect that it is ascertained from the Collector of Dharwar that Sri Lankarabharathi Swami who died at Udaghatti on 15th March 1924 nominated his Sarvadhikari Sivapanna Narasimha Sastry as his successor a few hours before his death and ordained him as an ascetic according to the Sastras while he was still alive and in his senses, in the presence of a large number of people, that Vedamurti Narasimha Sastry (alias Vidyasankara Bharathi) passed away on 15th December 1924 at Udaghatti after nominating as his successor and giving Asrama to Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi, and that the succession of Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry has been recognised by the Collector of Dharwar who has ordered the Patta of certain villages in his District belonging to the Mutt being made in his name. From the report of the Muzrai Commissioner as also from the several petitions received from the Mutt disciples in Davangere and certain places in the Honibennur Taluk praying for the recognition of Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry as successor to the Mutt, it is seen that he is generally held in high esteem by the disciples of the Mutt and is fitted by character, learning, and piety to occupy the exalted position which he has been called on to fill.

2. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to recognise the succession of Vedamurti Subrahmanya Sastry to the Pitha of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu as recommended by the Muzrai Commissioner.

3. The Muzrai Commissioner brings to notice that the record

report of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, about the action taken in respect of watch and ward of the Mutt properties in the State is meagre and unsatisfactory and that necessary steps will be taken to set matter right in due course. The Anzrai Commissioner is requested to obtain a full report from the Deputy Commissioner as to how the properties were taken care of and submit the same to Government. He is also requested to instruct the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to release the Mutt properties from attachment and hand them over to His Holiness Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu, along with the income, if any, that has accrued during the period that the Mutt properties were under Government management.

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To

The Anzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
" Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
" Superintendent of Inam Settlement.

Proceedings of the Government of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read.-

G.O. No. 1359/Muz.240-23-3 dated 2-4-24 recording with regret the demise of His Holine Sri Sankarabharati Swamigalu of the Kudli Sringeri Mutt, and calling for a further report about the succession to the Pitha.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C.983 of 1923-24 dated 29-4-1925 from the Muz. Commr. in Mysore on the subject.

Order No. dated

H:H Sri Sankarabharathi Swamigalu, the Guru of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt passed away at Udaphatti in the Ranibennur Taluk on 15-3-1924 and was succeeded by Ved. Sivaganga Narasimha Sastry under the tatular name of Sri Vidyasankara Bharathi Swamigalu. Previous approval of the Govt. was not obtained for this succession, the reason given for it being that the previous Swamigalu had been suddenly taken ill and that he was, therefore, obliged to give the Asrama to his successor in his last moments in order to avoid a break in the Guru Parampara. The omission to obtain previous approval of Government to the nomination was, however, taken advantage of by one Narasimha Bharathi (alias Ved: Siva Bhatta) as also some other desciples of the Mutt to protest against the succession of Ved: Narasimha Sastry to the Mutt on the ground that he was not fitted to occupy the Pitha and that all the rituals pres-

prescribed had not been gone through in respect of his ordination. While the matter was under enquiry, Ved. Narasimha Sastry also passed away at Udagatti, ~~Ranibennur Taluk~~ on 15-12-1924 after giving Asrama to one Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri. The nomination also having been objected to by Narasimha Bharathi and other persons referred to above, the Muz. Commr. ~~has, after making a full en-~~ was asked to inquire into ~~quiry in~~ the matter. He accordingly submitted a report to the effect that it is ascertained from the Collector of Dharwar that Sri Sankarabharathi Swami who died at Udaghatta on 15-3-1924 nominated his Sarvadhikari Sivaganga Narasimha Sastry as his successor a few hours before his death and ordained him as an ascetic according to the Sastras while he was still alive and in his senses, in the presence of a large number of people, and that Ved. Narasimha Sastri (alias Vidyasankara Bharathi) passed away on 15-12-24 at Udaghatti after nominating as his successor and giving Asrama to Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi, and that ~~his~~ the succession has been recognised by the Collector of Dharwar who has ordered the Patta of certain villages in his District belonging to the Mutt being made in his name. From the report of the Muz. Commr. as also from the several petitions received from the Mutt disciples in Davangere and certain places in the Ranibennur Taluk praying for the recognition of Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry as successor to the Mutt, it is seen that he is generally held in high esteem by the disciples of the Mutt and is fitted by character learning and piety to occupy the exalted posi-

position which he has been called on to ~~occupy~~ fill.

2. In the circumstances, Govt. are pleased to recognise the succession of Ved. Subrahmanya Sastry to the Pitha of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Mutt under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu as recommended by the Muz. Commr.

3. The Muz. Commr. ~~kxk~~ brings to notice that the report of the Dy. Commr. Shimoga District about the action taken in respect of watch and ward of the Mutt properties in the State is meagre and unsatisfactory and that necessary steps will be taken to set matters right in due course. The Muz. ~~Muz~~ Commr. is requested to obtain a full report from the Dy. Commr. as to how the properties were taken care of and submit the same to Govt. He is also requested to instruct the Dy. Commr., Shimoga District to release the Mutt properties from attachment and hand them over to His Holiness Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu ~~at once~~, along with the income if any, that has accrued. ~~during~~ the period that the properties were under the management

Revenue Secretary.

To

The Muz. Commissioner in Mysore.
" Comptroller to the Govt. of Mysore.
" Supdt. of Inam Settlement.

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. 1843-5—Muz 240-23-36, dated 22nd June 1925

Sri Kudli Sringeri Matt, Shimoga Taluk

Recognises the succession to the Pitha of —— of Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu and directs that all properties belonging to the Matt in the State be handed over to the Swamigalu.

READ—

Government Order No. 1359—Muz. 240-23-3, dated the 2nd April 1924, recording with regret the demise of His Holiness Sri Sankarabharathi Swamigalu of the Kudli Sringeri Matt, and calling for a further report about the succession to the Pitha.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 983 of 1923-24, dated the 29th April 1925, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore on the subject

ORDER No. 1843-5—MUZ. 240-23-36, DATED 22ND JUNE 1925.

His Holiness Sri Sankarabharathi Swamigalu, the Guru of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Matt passed away at Udaghatti in the Ranibennur Taluk on 15th March 1924 and was succeeded by Vedamurthi Sivaganga Narasimha Sastry under the titular name of Sri Vidyasankara Bharathi Swamigalu. Previous approval of the Government was not obtained for this succession, the reason given for it being that the previous Swamigalu had been suddenly taken ill and that he was, therefore, obliged to give the Asrama to his successor in his last moments in order to avoid a break in the Guru Parampara. The omission to obtain previous approval of Government to the nomination was, however, taken advantage of by one Narasimha Bharathi (*alias* Vedamurthi Siva Bhatta) as also some other disciples of the Matt to protest against the succession of Vedamurthi Narasimha Sastry to the Matt on the ground that he was not fitted to occupy the Pitha and that all the rituals prescribed had not been gone through in respect of his ordination While the matter was under enquiry, Vedamurthi Narasimha Sastry also passed away at Udaghatti on 15th December 1924, after giving Asrama to one Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry of Udayagiri. This nomination also having been objected to by Narasimha Bharathi and other persons referred to above, the Muzrai Commissioner was asked to enquire into the matter. He has accordingly submitted a report to the effect that it is ascertained from the Collector of Dharwar that Sri Shankarabharathi Swami who died at Udaghatti on 15th March 1924, nominated his Sarvadhikari Sivaganga Narasimha Sastry as his successor a few hours before his death and ordained him as an ascetic according to the Sastras while he was still alive and in his senses, in the presence of a large number of people, that Vedamurthi Narasimha Sastry (*alias* Vidyasankara Bharathi) passed away on 15th December 1924, at Udaghatti after nominating as his successor, and giving Asrama to Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi, and that the succession of Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry has been recognised by the Collector of Dharwar who has ordered the ~~Pitha~~ matta of certain villages in his District belonging to the Matt being made in his name. From the report of the Muzrai Commissioner as also from the several petitions received from the Matt disciples in Davangere and certain places in the Ranibennur Taluk praying for the recognition of Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry as successor to the Matt, it is seen that he is generally held in high esteem by the disciples of the Matt and is fitted by character, learning, and piety to occupy the exalted position which he has been called on to fill.

2. In the circumstances, Government are pleased to recognise the succession of Vedamurthi Subrahmanya Sastry to the Pitha of the Sri Kudli Sringeri Matt under the titular name of Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu as recommended by the Muzrai Commissioner.

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3. The Muzrai Commissioner brings to notice that the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, about the action taken in respect of watch and ward of the Matt properties in the State is meagre and unsatisfactory and that necessary steps will be taken to set matters right in due course. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to obtain a full report from the Deputy Commissioner as to how the properties were taken care of and submit the same to Government. He is also requested to instruct the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to release the Matt properties from attachment and hand them over to His Holiness Sri Valukeswara Bharathi Swamigalu, along with the income if any, that has accrued during the period that the Matt properties were under Government management.

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To—The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government of Mysore.
The Superintendent of Inam Settlement.

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